(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the preventive measures taken/proposed to be taken to check such recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (f). The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime in the trains is the responsibility of the Government Railway Police (G.R.P.) which functions under the control of respective State Governments/UT Administrations. Information relating to train-wise lootings, FIRs lodged at local levels and other crimes is not maintained by the Central Government.

[Translation]

Quantum of Scrap

733 SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT
SHRI DATTA MEGHE

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) The quantum of scarp sold by Railways during the year 1995-96; and

(b) The amount earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The quantum of scarp sold by the Railways during the year 1995-96 is given below :

(1)	Rails & Ferrous Scrap(MTs.)	10,05,343
(2)	Non-Ferrous Scrap(MTs.)	8287
(3)	Coaches (Units)	2450
(4)	Locos (Units)	349
(5)	Wagons (Units)	21886
(6)	Micellaneous Scrap (MTs.)	12,709

(b) The amount earned therefrom was Rs. 1018.10 Crores.

STD Facility

734 SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :
KUMARI UMA BHARATI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce STD facility in the long distance trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) The time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A pilot scheme to provide satellite based telephone services was started in New Delhi-Mumbai Rajdhani Express and broad Gauge 'Palace on Wheels' trains jointly with Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (VSNL) and INMARSAT organisation. The trains have since been completed and are successful.

(c) The service for use of travelling passengers is being contemplated as a pilot scheme in the New Delhi-Mumbai Rajdhani Express after finalisation of logistics and tariffs. This service will, later on, be extended to other important mail/express trains depending on success and popularity of this scheme.

Extension of Awantika Express

735. DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend Awantika Express running between Ujjain and Bandra upto Mumbai Central; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). The issue relating to extension of 2961/2962 Indore-Bandra Avantika Express upto Mumbai Central is sub-judice in the Supreme Court.

[English]

Fertilizer Units in Orissa

736. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of fertilizer units setup in Orissa during the last two years;

(b) the number of units out of them that have started functioning, and

(c) the number of such units in which production is likely to be started during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (c) No fertilizer unit was set up in Orissa during the last two years.

[Translation]

Shahganj and Mau Line

737. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the metre gauge line between Shahganj and Mau railway stations of Uttar Pradesh is likely to be converted into broad gauge.